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Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
April 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 10:15 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Henry Geryk, Chairman
Mark Fortune
Michael Torchio
John Viola
William Gallagher
Frank Norton

Board Members Not Present:

Leo Fahey
Jennifer Revill
Frank Norton
Pauline Lally
William Young
Dan Dumont

Guests Present:

Narine Deodat, RT Applicant
Cesar Lastra, Technical Code Coordinator
Holly Bartlett, Clerical Assistant

2. A motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Jack Viola, and agreed upon by a unanimous vote.
3. A motion to enter into record the minutes from the March 2012 meeting was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by William Gallagher, and agreed upon by a unanimous vote.
4. An application from Narine Deodat to sit for Refrigeration Technician was presented to the Bureau, Mr. Deodat was present at this meeting. Mr. Deodat presented to the Bureau additional letters from his employer. Bureau members asked the applicant if he was aware of the prerequisites to test for RT, which he acknowledged that he was. **Based upon the knowledge and experience presented by the applicant, Frank Norton made a motion to approve Mr. Deodat's application on condition that he provide DPS with a copy of his CFC card. This motion was seconded by Mark Fortune, and approved by a unanimous vote.** Mr. Deodat will forward a copy of his CFC card to Holly Bartlett for inclusion in his application

5. From the last meeting, the application from Daniel Hill was reconsidered. This application had been carried forward for the Bureau in order to research what Mr. Hill's Maine license actually encompassed. **Without further information to consider, Mark Fortune made a motion to once again carry this matter forward for consideration at the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher, and approved by a unanimous vote. *The Chairman will look into the matter of this Maine license prior to the next meeting in May.**

Discussion ensued regarding legislation that currently pends which may address clarification as to when the Bureau may approved applications for technician and/or contractor exams. Specifically there is some question as to whether a person holding a degree in engineering can be admitted for examination as a contractor. Frank Norton will contact Leo Fahey regarding this legislation.

6. From the last meeting, the application from Patrick Pickup was reconsidered. A letter was mailed to Mr. Pickup on March 22, 2012, requesting additional information in order for the Bureau to consider his application. As of the date of this meeting, no additional information has been received from this applicant. **A motion was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Bill Gallagher and passed by unanimous vote, to carry this application forward once again to the May meeting, pending receipt of the requested additional documentation.**
7. An application from Aderlin Mota to test for Refrigeration Technician was presented to the Bureau for consideration. The application is missing documentation of high school graduation or equivalent. **A motion was made by Frank Norton that this application be tabled until proper documentation is received, and that the application be dismissed if this information is not received within one year of the date of the application. This motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher, and passed by unanimous vote.**
8. An application from Joseph Maurer to sit for Journeyman Sprinklerfitter was presented to the Bureau for consideration. The Chairman explained that this applicant was accidentally administered the SJ exam, which he passed and was issued a license. However, his application was lacking documentation of 8,000 hours as an apprentice sprinklerfitter. Upon review of his paperwork, it was noted that he has since provided adequate documentation. **A motion was made by Mark Fortune to approve this application. This motion was seconded by John Viola, and passed by a unanimous vote.**
9. An application from James Fitzatrick to sit for Journeyman Sprinklerfitter was presented to the Bureau for consideration. This applicant had also been admitted to sit for and passed the SJ exam prior to approval of his application. **A motion was made by John Viola to approve this application. This motion was seconded by Mark Fortune, and passed by unanimous vote.**
10. An application from Zachary Myers to sit for Refrigeration Technician was presented to the Bureau for consideration. Following brief discussion, **A motion was made by Frank Norton to approve this application. This motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher, and passed by unanimous vote.**
11. An application from Jeffrey Lambert to test for Refrigeration Technician was presented to the Bureau for consideration. **A motion was made by Frank Norton to approve this application upon receipt of the CFC certificate. This motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher, and passed by unanimous vote.**

12. Old Business:

- a. The matter of the status of the amended regulations was brought up. Holly reported that Carrie Torrisi stated that as of yesterday (4/25/2012), DPS had not received any word on approval or disapproval of the proposed changes to the regulations.
- b. John Viola brought up the matter of a current vacancy in the Bureau membership. * **The Chairman will verify how many positions are actually assigned to the Bureau, and whether there is actually a vacancy.**

13. New Business

- a. The Chairman brought up the matter of an application for Refrigeration Contractor that he had received for review. The applicant has held an RT license since 1979, and has taken electrical and refrigeration courses at Goulds. The matter of the lack of approved schools to provide 'advanced refrigeration theory' was brought up; without such specific training available, there is not grounds to disapprove any training that an applicant submits as the required 'advanced refrigeration theory' training. The Bureau further suggested that this application does not need to be presented to the Bureau for consideration, that the applicable district engineering inspector has the authority to approve this application.
- b. Mark Fortune asked what the status of the new licensing program is. Cesar Lastra explained that Bank of America will be providing lock-box services for processing the applications and payments for renewals; first issue license applications will be added to this process at a later date. The Chairman added that the inspectors have been trained in administration of the new fine capabilities that they will be able to enforce once legislation has been approved.

14. With no remaining topics on the agenda, a motion was made by Mike Torchio, seconded by Mark Fortune, to adjourn this meeting at 11:36 a.m., motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Action items to be addressed at the next meeting are indicated by an asterisk*

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will tentatively be on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.